**Air traffic capacity of Indira Gandhi International Airport**

994. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) is handling more air traffic than its capacity;

(b) if so, what is the optimal handling capacity of the IGIA and how much traffic has it been handling in the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to restrict the aircraft handling to the laid down capacity?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Increasing of fare by IA and domestic airlines**

995. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and other domestic airlines have any plan to increase the air fares;

(b) if so, the details of the fares increased/proposed to be increased; and

(c) the decision taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) At present Indian Airlines has no proposal to increase its domestic Rupee Fare. However, Indian Airlines proposes to re-fix its Dollar Fare at 15 per cent above the Rupee Fare (including Passenger Fee and Inland Air Travel Tax) for each sector. The average increase in the Dollar Fare would be around 6 per cent. Private operators are free to fix their fares.

**Tourist traffic**

996. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage growth in tourism during 1992, 1993 and 1994 year-wise indicating the actual volume of tourist traffic registered during each year; and

(b) how it compared with the growth in global tourism during these years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The percentage growth in tourist traffic to India during last three years as compared to global trends is as given below:—

| Year | Tourist arrivals in India | %Change | World tourist arrivals (000) | %Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1991 . . . . . | 16,77,508 | — | 463209 | — |
| 1992 . . . . . | 18,67,651 | 11 3 | 502899 | 8 6 |
| 1993 . . . . . | 17,64,830 | —5.5 | 512939 | 2.0 |
| 1994 . . . . . | 18,86,433 | 6.9 | 528400 | 3.0 |